

**Nieuw Amsterdam Master's ltr to MSO Juneau 5/23/00**

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23 May 2000

To: Commander of the Port  
Juneau District

Fr: Simon Douwes  
Master ms Nieuw Amsterdam

Re: Factors to consider in clearing COTP order.

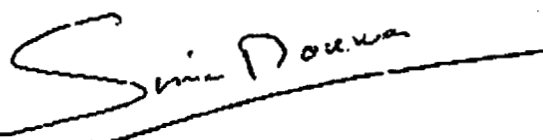
"I have reviewed the relevant passenger ship safety issues and the status of safety systems onboard the ms Nieuw Amsterdam following the fire in crew cabin D98 today. I have considered applicable flag state laws, international conventions (eg SOLAS) and environmental health and safety issues. I am satisfied that the ship is in all respects safe to operate on her intended itinerary and poses no unusual danger to passengers, crew or the environment.

Special precautions are being taken in the area where the fire occurred due to the lack of electrical service in the area and the impact that has on fire detection systems and other fire safety issues. Extra fire watches have been set and the area will be actively patrolled. Certain watertight doors will remain closed while the ship is underway.

Any hazardous waste that may result from the fire or the clean up will be offloaded in Vancouver, British Columbia, according to Canadian law. Non-hazardous solid waste will either be incinerated or offloaded to a proper disposal site. In accordance with standard Holland America Line policy, as expressed in the company's Safety Management System, no such waste will be dumped at sea.

I have asked the Chief Engineer to sign this statement with me to indicate his agreement with its contents insofar as technical issues are concerned."

Sincerely,



Simon Douwes  
Master ms Nieuw Amsterdam

Chief Engineer  
Bram Franke

